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REMARKS

Reconsideration of the above-identified application in view of the present amendment is respectfully requested.

By the present amendment, claims 7, 9-12, 17 and 19 have been canceled. Claim 8 has been amended. Claims 8, 16 and 18 are currently pending in the application.

The Applicant acknowledges with appreciation the Examiner's indication that claim 18 is allowed.

Regarding the drawing objection and objection to the specification, please refer to the attached second proposed drawing amendment. It is believed that the attached second proposed drawing amendment overcomes the objections.

Claim 16 has been rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being obvious over U.S. Patent No. 5,350,190 to Szigethy in view of U.S. Patent No. 5,810,535 to Fleckstein et al. To establish obviousness of a claimed invention, the prior art references when combined, must teach or suggest all the claim limitations. In addition, there must be some suggestion or motivation to a person having ordinary skill in the art to modify the reference (MPEP §706.02(j)).

The combination of Szigethy and Fleckstein et al. does not disclose a fastener part with a concave contact surface area into which contact surface areas of the hooks engage in a connected condition. Webster's New International Dictionary defines concave as "hollowed or rounded inward like the inside of a bowl" or "curving inward" (copy attached). Neither the patent to Fleckstein et al. nor the patent to Szigethy

disclose or suggest a fastener part comprising a concave contact surface area into which contact surface areas of the hooks engage in a connected condition. In addition, in a telephone interview conducted the undersigned on April 10, 2003, the Examiner indicated that the patent to Fleckstein et al. did not disclose a concave contact surface area of the fastener part into which contact surface areas of the hooks engage.

In addition, the combination of the patent to Fleckstein et al. and the patent to Szigethy does not disclose or suggest a fastener part configured integrally with a steering wheel, and fastening arms configured integrally with an inflator mount.

The concave surface of the fastener part in claim 16 gives a better hold to the contact surface areas of the hooks, as compared to a flat surface in the art of record. Thus, claim 16 should be allowable.

Claim 8 depends from claim 16 and defines over the prior art for the same reasons as claim 16 and for the specific limitations recited therein. The combination of the cited prior art references does not disclose or suggest that the fastening part and the fastening arms comprise ramps corresponding to each other and including all the limitations of claim 16. Thus, claim 8 should be allowable.

Attached is a marked-up version of the amended claims presented in this Amendment. The attached page is captioned "Version With Markings To Show Changes Made."

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In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that the above identified application is in condition for allowance, and allowance of the above-identified application is respectfully requested.

Please charge any deficiency or credit any overpayment in the fees for this amendment to our Deposit Account No. 20-0090.

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IN THE CLAIMS:

8. (Amended) The fastener as set forth in claim $7 \ \underline{16}$, wherein said fastener part and said fastening arms comprise ramps corresponding to each other.

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concave polygon n: a polygon with one angle larger than a straight angle
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(3) obs: to make pregnant: IMPREGNATE (4): to be engenedered in the womb — used passively (before he was conceived in the womb — used passively (before he was conceived cered in the womb — used passively (before he was conceived velopment) (Texas was conceived in debt and nourished on depleted paper — R. Billington) — usu. used figuratively a profound prejudice against such methods) b: to form in or stratages a concept or idea): evolve mentally (as a plan or stratages a concept or idea): evolve mentally (as a plan or stratages in form a conception of: IMAGINE, VISUALIZE, IMAGE (a building badly conceived and carelessly constructed) a a archaic: to apprehend (something) by reason or imagination b: Comprehend (something) by reason or imagination (something) by reason or imagination see the conceived and carelessiped to the opinion: THINK, suppose (we cannot c that this course is expedient now) 5 archaic: to give forth: ExHibit or become pregnant 2: to have a conception, idea, or opinion: THINK — usu used with of syn see THINK on celebrant (while the part of conceived an

more at center of cive: Focus (concentrating all their efforts on reaching are times when power must be concentrating all their efforts on are times when power must be concentrating all their efforts on are times when power must be concentrated in a few able when power must be concentrated in a few able water from (in making maple syrup one ~s the sap by boiling) 2: to render less dilute or diffuse: a (1): to temove water from (in making maple syrup one ~s the sap by boiling) 2): to separate dross from (repeated concentrating of the ore is necessary) (3): to free from impurities (copper may be concentrated electrolytically) b: to express the er may be concentrated electrolytically) b: to express the essence of the message of the New Testament is concentrated in he Sermon on the Mount): render more condensed (he essence of her sex was concentrated in her charming obstinacy) ~ vi 1: to draw toward or meet in a common center 2: to settle closely: Garther, Collect (recent immigrants tend to ~ in port cities) (social and racial tensions ~ in industrial centers) 3 a: to bring all one's powers, faculties, or activities to bear (as upon (farmers are concentrating on wheat this year) (to be able to ~ on the same matter for a considerable time is essential to difficult achievement —Bertrand Russell) b: MAJOR syn see

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2001Centrate \"\ n -s: something obtained by concentration
: a concentration or concentrated substance: as a: the remainder of dressed ore that contains the mineral sought b: a
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(as grains, oil meals, or tankage) — opposed to roughage
(c: a food reduced in bulk by elimination of watery fluid

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4: Density 1 5: a card game for two or more players in which a pack of cards is laid out card by card face down and at random, the skill of the game consisting of remembering the position of such cards as are briefly turned up in play—called also memory concentration camp n: a camp where persons (as prisoners of war, political prisoners, refugees, or foreign nationals) are detained or confined and sometimes subjected to physical and mental abuse and indignity concentration point n: a place at which less than carload shipments on common carriers are assembled to be forwarded in carload lots concentrate: characterized by concentrations on concentration point n: a place at which less than carload in carload lots concentrate: one that concentrates: as a: an apparatus by which something (as an ore or a solution) is concentrate; sometimes: an industrial plant specializing in concentrate(is sometimes: an industrial plant specializing in concentration (as of ore) b: a worker who tends concentrating apparatus c: a student who concentrates (in a particular field of study)

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